

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) In combination, ~~[[A]]~~ a printer for printing an image ~~[[on an]]~~ and a supply of image receiving material provided on a backing material, said image receiving material comprising die-cut labels and said backing material having regularly spaced markings provided on the back thereof, said backing material further comprising at least one registration mark at a location between consecutive labels, said printer comprising:
 - a printhead for printing the image on the image receiving material, when said printhead is in a printing configuration and said image receiving material is being pulled from a supply;
 - a detector for detecting said markings provided on the backing material on which the image receiving material is provided while the image receiving material moves past the printhead and the image is being printed on the image receiving material;
 - a detector for detecting the presence of said registration mark; and
 - a device for determining ~~at least one of~~ a spacing between two markings and a width of a marking, comparing the determined marking width and ~~[[/or]]~~ spacing with a respective reference value and for causing the printing to be stopped if, as said image receiving material is being pulled from the supply and is moving past said printhead, ~~at least one of~~ the determined spacing ~~[[and/]]~~ or width differs from the respective reference value by more than a predetermined amount.

2. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1 wherein said detector comprises at least one of a light sensitive receiver and a light source.
3. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 2, wherein said light sensitive receiver comprises a phototransistor.
4. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 2, wherein said light source comprises a light emitting diode.
5. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining device comprises a processor.
6. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein printing is stopped if the determined spacing differs from the respective reference value by 20% or more.
7. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining device is arranged to cause an error message to be displayed if printing is stopped.
8. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a PC.

9. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1, where said reference value comprises a plurality of values defining a range.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Withdrawn) An image receiving material provided on a backing material with regularly spaced markings provided on the back of the backing material for use in a printer comprising a detector for detecting said markings, device for determining at least one of a spacing between two markings and a width of a marking, comparing the determined marking width and/or spacing with a respective reference value and for causing printing to be stopped if at least one of the determined spacing and/or width differs from the respective reference value by more than a predetermined amount.

13. (Currently amended) In combination a ~~[[A]]~~ printer system for printing an image, and a supply of ~~[[on an]]~~ image receiving material provided on a backing material, said image said backing material having regularly spaced markings provided on the back thereof, said backing material further comprising at least one registration mark at a location between consecutive labels, said printer system comprising:

a printhead for printing the image on the image receiving material, when said printhead is in a printing configuration and said image receiving material is being pulled from a supply;

a detector for detecting said markings provided on the backing material on which the image receiving material is provided while the image receiving material moves past the printhead and the image is being printed on the image receiving material;

a detector for detecting the presence of said registration mark; and

a device for determining ~~at least one of~~ a spacing between two markings and a width of a marking, comparing the determined marking width and ~~and~~ spacing with a respective reference value and for causing the printing of the image to be stopped if, as said image receiving material is being pulled from the supply and is moving past said printhead, ~~at least one of~~ the determined spacing ~~and~~ or width differs from the respective reference value by more than a predetermined amount.

14. (Currently amended) A ~~printer system~~ combination as claimed in claim 13 comprising a printer and a PC.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Withdrawn) An image receiving material comprising a backing layer, said backing layer having on one side thereof an image receiving layer comprising one of continuous material and die cut labels, and on the other side of the backing layer, regularly spaced markings being provided, said regularly spaced markings being, in use, used to stop printing of a printer if the detected marking width and/or marking spacing differs from a respective reference value by more than a predetermined amount.

17-24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently amended) A ~~[[printer]]~~ combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device for determining is arranged to determine said ~~at least one of~~ a spacing between two markings and ~~[[a]]~~ width of a marking by multiplying a time for which said ~~at least one of a~~ spacing and ~~[[a]]~~ width is detected by an assumed rotational speed of a platen that is arranged to move the image receiving material past the printhead.